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CHAL-0634

28 April 1959

STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 21 April 1959

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Personnel Present: Mr. Bissell
Col. Burke

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Mr. Reber

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Mr. Parangosky
Mr. Cunningham

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1. STAGING - Col. Quinette advised that the MEU staging to be held [] has been combined with the ferry operation involving the return to Edwards of #351 for IRAN and the ferry from Edwards to Adana of #344. The code name, [] has been assigned the operation. Target date is on or about 11 May for ferry. Particulars are contained in Operations Order 5-59.

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2. VISIT TO DETACHMENT B - Col. Burke, accompanied by [] will depart from Headquarters on 25 April for Germany and Turkey. Various meetings will be held [] relative to re-location of [] On 25X1A 29 April, the group will travel to Adana by C-54 shuttle. Col. Burke and [] will accompany the Det. B staging group to [] 25X1A as part of [] will return via the regular shuttle run.

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3. TEST STATUS BOARD - First flight test of the J-75 engine will be 18 May.

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4. MALFUNCTION REPORT - Of paramount importance in this report was the fact that B Cameras are continuing to function consistently; on the other hand, Trackers are beginning to malfunction. It is thought that this is due to the vintage of the camera as well as the fact that Trackers run much more frequently than any of the other photo equipment. Some of the malfunctioning has been due to power failure resulting from maladjustment. [] reported that [] on his current trip to field installations is checking the Tracker malfunction problem and upon return will co-relate his findings with []

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Col. Burke suggested that one B Camera be moved, on a temporary basis, from Det. C to Det. B. It was pointed out that it would not be desirable to leave it there for any long period since it would run up Det. B's maintenance needs. On the other hand, it is for the "fast move" concept that it seemed indicated. Col. Beerli's opinion will be sought in this matter.

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ACTION: [redacted]

5. C-130 TEST PROGRAM, EDWARDS AFB - A task team to conduct the required tests has been named and will leave 25 April for the test sight. It is made up of personnel from OTR, Communications, Security, and DPD. The test will simulate the conditions existing in the target area as close as possible. They will consist of Beacon Tests, delayed opening devices, and quick-release tests. In addition, consideration will also be given to the dropping of beacons and the testing [redacted] Mr. Bissell commented that even if the equipment was not used [redacted] it could be utilized as a research program for similar future operations. 25X1A

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6. PLANNING FOR RE-LOCATION OF EUROPEAN AIR ASSETS IN THE ZI - Coordination on the plan has been assigned to [redacted] of Air Section. A letter has been sent to the Air Force requesting an initial survey of possible fields in the ZI. The entire move will be governed by an operations plan similar to that used for normal staging missions. [redacted] is conducting various meetings with the sections involved and expects to have a draft of the plan on 8 May, at which time a decision may be possible as to the timing of the move and the location of the unit.

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7. OTHER ITEMS - Mr. Bissell reported that in the course of his trip to the Far East, he talked to both Gen. Moorman and Admiral Felt, both of whom expressed continued interest in CHALICE operations.

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A brief conference was held by Mr. Bissell with [redacted]

[redacted] relative to Far East assets. Mr. Baker was emphatic in his belief that the capability must be maintained in the field. He stated that he agreed with the Line of Command paper drawn up by Mr. Bissell, and said he would be satisfied to have a liaison officer [redacted]

[redacted] also felt that there should be a senior officer in the same position to DPD as the commander of CHALICE detachments.

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8. OPERATION [redacted] FE has placed a requirement on CHALICE for coverage [redacted] according to Mr. Bissell has a high priority. Preliminary opinion was expressed that it would not have

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an urgent rating with the ARC. Mr. Reber will check this further. At the same time, it was determined to consult Mr. Lundahl to see if the product of the CHALICE flights would serve the purpose in view of the terrain and the matter of the target ([] movements, build-up, etc.). (Mr. Lundahl has indicated that this can be accomplished by CHALICE operations.)

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